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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pgs.);
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg., in duplicate);
- ☒ Check #15697 in the amount of \$55.00; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 25669-016. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 2, 2003 (Paper 7), Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-5 and 7-11), drawn to an isolated nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1 for prosecution in the above-referenced application. This election is made with traverse.

According to the Examiner, the claims of Group I are drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, whereas the claims of Group II (claims 6 and 12) are drawn to an amino acid sequence. Claim 6 (reproduced below) is drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, not to a protein sequence.

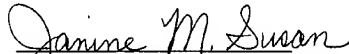
6. **An isolated nucleic acid molecule** which encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

Applicants therefore submit that claim 6 should be included in Group I.

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The response is due on or before March 2, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is being concurrently filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 25669-016).

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